

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 59

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 126

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 59, Figueroa. Pain Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of September 2005 as Pain Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, Pain is one of our nation's serious health problems. More than 75 million Americans live with chronic pain caused by various diseases or disorders, and each year nearly 25 million Americans suffer with acute pain; and

WHEREAS, Though medical knowledge and technology exist to relieve or greatly ease pain, most pain is untreated, undertreated, or improperly treated, and many health care professionals are still unaware of how to effectively treat pain. Most people with pain, including those at the end of life, get little or no relief; and

WHEREAS, People who suffer from chronic pain are often stigmatized and marginalized and are often not informed about the right to effective pain assessment and management; and

WHEREAS, The California-based Partners for Understanding Pain is a growing coalition of pain sufferers, physicians, nurses, social workers, pharmacists, therapists, civic leaders, nonprofit organizations, and health care businesses whose mission is to improve the quality of life for people in California experiencing pain; and

WHEREAS, It is the collective mission of this movement to provide practical information for people with pain, inform health care professionals about pain management, and serve as an advocate for people experiencing pain; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the month of September 2005 is hereby proclaimed as Pain Awareness Month, and that all Californians are hereby respectfully requested to improve the quality of life for people in California suffering from pain; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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